

Racial Injustice Historical Events and Whiteness Theory Resources

June 19, 2020

[Civil Rights Movement Timeline - Timeline & Events - HISTORY](#) From History.com

[Five years after shooting, Mother Emanuel uneasily adapts as pilgrimage site](#) by Matthew J. Cressler, Religion News Service article on the 5th Anniversary of the Mother Emanuel massacre, June 17, 2020

[Haven't heard of Juneteenth? Here's what you need to know](#) by Christian Carrega, Good Morning America, June 18, 2020

[Juneteenth in the age of Black Lives Matter | Presbyterian Mission Agency](#) June 18, 2020

[Tulsa Race Massacre begins - HISTORY](#) From History.com The May 31, 1921 event often 'white-washed' from history curriculum.

[Little Rock Nine - Definition, Names & Facts - HISTORY](#)

The Little Rock Nine were a group of nine black students who enrolled at formerly all-white Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, in September 1957. Their attendance at the school was a test of *Brown v. Board of Education*, a landmark 1954 Supreme Court ruling that declared segregation in public schools unconstitutional.

[US history: How teaching America's past varies across the country](#) by Jericka Duncan, Christopher Zawistowski and Shannon Luibrand, CBS News, February 19, 2020

Whiteness Theory

Why "I'm not a racist" is only half the story by Dr. Robin DiAngelo on Big Think (6:33)

[Why "I'm not racist" is only half the story | Robin DiAngelo | Big Think](#)

Dr. Robin DiAngelo discusses 'White Fragility' (1:23:30)

University of Washington professor Dr. Robin DiAngelo reads from her book "White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism," explains the phenomenon, and discusses how white people can develop their capacity to engage more constructively across race. July 3, 2018. Speakers include: Misha Stone, Seattle Public Library; Robin DiAngelo, PhD, Critical Racial & Social Justice Education

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45ey4jgoxeU>

[On Lightworkers + Prophets: The Problem with White Spirituality](#) by Kerry Connelly from her blog

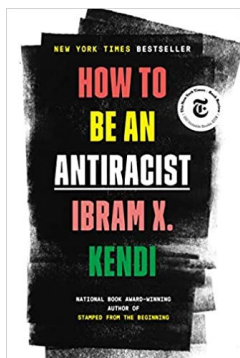
[White evangelicals' attacks on James Cone are about power, not truth](#) by Andre Henry, Religion News Service, January 9, 2020

Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man - episode 3

Chip & Joanna Gaines sit down with Emmanuel Acho to have an uncomfortable conversation about teaching their kids to "see color" and Emmanuel Acho is asked, "if he's afraid of white people."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfo1XJDJKSU>

[Brené with Ibram X. Kendi on How to Be an Antiracist | Brené Brown](#) June 3, 2020 podcast I'm talking with professor Ibram X. Kendi, *New York Times* bestselling author of *How to Be an Antiracist* and the Director of the Antiracist Research and Policy Center at American University. We talk about racial disparities, policy, and equality, but we really focus on *How to Be an Antiracist*, which is a groundbreaking approach to understanding uprooting racism and inequality in our society and in ourselves.



Beth Olker, Interim Coordinator for Youth Ministry and Emily Benson Martin are co-hosting a virtual group-read of *How to Be An Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi. They will host a Zoom discussion on Thursday, July 23 at 8 PM EST. If you would like to join us, please purchase the book and send your email address to beth.olker@gmail.com, and she will send you the Zoom link shortly before July 23.

If possible, please order from an independent bookstore, not Amazon. Below are a few options; just search for the book title in their search box. The book may currently be back ordered through the selling service these bookstores use, but you can still place the order. Beth expects it will be

back in stock soon. These stores also have links to the e-book and audiobook, as well.

Turning Pages is a Black-owned indie bookseller in Goose Creek, SC:

<https://bookshop.org/shop/turningpagebookshop>

All Things Inspiration Giftique is a Black-owned indie seller in Mableton, GA:

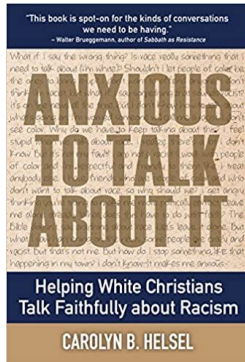
<https://bookshop.org/shop/AllThingsInspirationGift>

And then, of course, there are our local Greenville booksellers:

Fiction Addiction: <https://bookshop.org/shop/fictionaddiction>

M.Judson: <https://bookshop.org/shop/mjudsonbooks>

Emily and I hope some of you will join us in doing the work toward examining our inherent biases, beliefs, and systematic advantages. Let us know if you have any questions! 'See' you on July 23! ~Beth



Anxious to Talk about It - Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully about Racism by Carolyn B. Helsel

- "What if I say the wrong thing?"
- "I'm white--is race really something I need to talk about? I'm worried I'll be called a racist!"
- "What does race have to do with faith, anyway?"
- "Why do we have to keep talking about this?"

If talking about racism makes you anxious, afraid, or even angry, you're not alone. In **Anxious to Talk about It - Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully about Racism**, pastor and professor Carolyn B. Helsel draws on her success with white congregations to offer insight and tools to embrace, explore and work through the anxious feelings that often arise in these hard conversations.

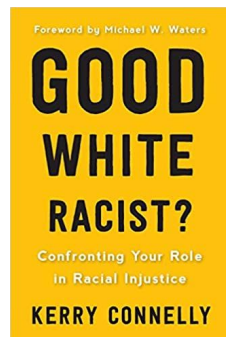
Through powerful personal stories, new observations on racial identity development, and spiritual practices to help engage issues of racial justice prayerfully, you'll gain a deeper understanding of race in America and your place in it. You will learn how to join conversations with courage, compassion, and knowledge of self, others, and the important issues at stake. Helsel's guidance will inspire you to receive the gifts that come through these difficult race conversations and point to how you can get further involved in the important social justice work around race relations.

Join Mary Morrison in conversations about racism that white Christians need to have. A six-part conversation on these Wednesday evenings starting at 6:30 PM via Zoom. July 15, 22, 29, Aug 5, 19, 26 (no meeting on Aug 12).

To register in advance (preferably by July 8th) for these conversations, click here:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0udOugrz4rGNFmfsQ_GXvBD-43IKfDwRG3

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Please purchase your own copy of the book or ebook through one of the booksellers listed above.



Good White Racist? Confronting Your Role in Racial Injustice by Kerry Connelly

"A no-nonsense call to action for all those willing to confront their complicity, *Good White Racist?* promises 'This is going to be hard, and you are going to be uncomfortable. But it will be worth it.'" – *Foreword Reviews*

good · white · racist *noun*

1. A well-intentioned person of European descent who is nonetheless complicit in a culture of systemic racism
2. A white person who would rather stay comfortable than do the work of antiracism

When it comes to race, most white Americans are obsessed with two things: defending our own inherent goodness and maintaining our own comfort levels. Too often, this means white people assume that to be racist, one has to be openly hateful and willfully discriminatory—you know, a *bad person*. And we know we're good, Christian people, right? But you don't have to be wearing a white hood or shouting racial epithets to be complicit in America's racist history and its ongoing systemic inequality.

In *Good White Racist?*, Kerry Connelly exposes the ways white people participate in, benefit from, and unknowingly perpetuate racism—despite their best "good person" intentions. *Good White Racist?* unpacks the systems that maintain the status quo, keep white people comfortable and complicit, and perpetuate racism in the United States and elsewhere. Combining scholarly research with her trademark New Jersey snark, Connelly shows us that even though it may not be our fault or choice to participate in a racist system, we all do, and it's our responsibility to do something about it.